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Gold price soars to record \$852
LONDON, Jan. 21 (R) — The price of gold soared to a record \$852 an ounce on European bullion markets today before slipping to a London afternoon fix of \$850. Maintaining its five steps forward, one step back routine on world markets, gold started the day at about \$830 an ounce in Europe after wide fluctuations in the Far East. The price has leapt almost four-fold since the beginning of last year. But every spectacular boom has been followed by a slight decline — a breathing space allowing speculators to cash profits, dealers said. Market analysts today attributed the unprecedented interest in gold to speculators who have consistently benefited from world economic and political fears, killed by spiralling oil prices and unrest in and around the vital Middle East oilfields. After reaching \$850 an ounce in New York on Friday, the gold price had progressively dropped by almost \$50 in the morning and before starting this morning's climb in Europe, dealers said.

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Iran Air Boeing crashes, kills 128
TEHRAN, Jan. 21 (R) — An Iran Air Boeing 727 with 128 people on board crashed tonight in the Elborz mountains northeast of Tehran, airport sources said tonight. The control tower at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport said the flight from the eastern border town of Mashad lost contact with air traffic control 50 minutes after takeoff. Airline sources said the flight might have been carrying pilgrims from the Mashad shrines where Shi'ite Muslims have been marking the martyrdom of Imam Hassan and the death of the Prophet Mohammad. Mehrabad control said the plane was caught in thick fog over the mountain range, which dominates the skyline north of Tehran. The special representative of Ayatollah Khomeini in the mountain area told Reuters by telephone that ambulances had been dispatched to the mountains to recover bodies from the crash. Seyyed Hassan Motehary said it was believed most of the people aboard had been killed.

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Regional Briefs

MASCUS, Jan. 21 (R) — A special committee has been set up to study the cases of all people detained in Syrian jails by military orders and for reasons other than security, official sources today. The outcome of the study will be referred to the ruling Baath Party regional leadership which will decide whether to refer them for trial, the sources added. The committee was set up last night when the regional leadership met under President Hafez Al Assad.

DOHA, Jan. 21 (AP) — Mr. Douglas Hurd, the British minister of state for foreign and commonwealth affairs, conferred today with United Arab Republic Foreign Minister Rashid Abdullah to discuss bilateral relations and international developments, the Gulf News Agency reported. Mr. Hurd arrived last night for a four-day visit as part of his tour of Arab states in the Gulf region. In Doha yesterday, Mr. Hurd said that Britain did not ask for military facilities from any of the Gulf countries as a result of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. He said in a press conference: "We have not asked for facilities and we do not intend to return to our past military role in the Gulf." He said this did not come up in his talks on Saturday with the emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa, or in talks last night with the emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani. Mr. Hurd returns home tonight after his talks in Abu Dhabi, said the purpose of his visit was to discuss matters of cooperation and world situation as a result of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the situation in Iran and the developments of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

BAHRAIN, Jan. 21 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter today sent a message to the ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa, dealing with current international developments, the official Gulf News Agency reported. The agency said the message was delivered by the U.S. ambassador in Bahrain. It gave no other details.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21 (R) — The central committee of the opposition Labour Alliance yesterday re-elected Labour Party leader Menachem Begin as its candidate to fill the post of prime minister if it wins parliamentary elections in two years time. The 457 to 220 vote in the 867-member committee was a defeat for his rival, Foreign Minister Yigal Alon, who had tried to postpone the vote until closer to election time.

TRIPOLI, Jan. 21 (R) — A pan-Arab leftist organisation meeting in the Libyan capital of Tripoli has said that the normalisation of relations between Egypt and Israel would constitute a threat to the peace. The secretariat of the Arab People's Congress, a leftist movement in most of the Arab states, said Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was "opening the gates of Egypt to Zionist penetration and American military bases." A statement issued by the secretariat and quoted by the Libyan News Agency (LNA) said today: "The role undertaken by the defeated president is a threat to the security and interests of the Arab Nation as it is to world security and peace." The statement expressed protest for Iran and said it was seriously concerned over the "perpetual attempts to turn world opinion against the Arab people and threats to peace in the Indian Ocean region as it is to world security and peace." The secretariat decided to proclaim 1980 as the "year of solidarity with the Lebanese and Egyptian peoples and to organise meetings with African and Latin American leftist movements."

DOHA, Jan. 21 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) called for an emergency meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to consider problems arising from the failure of consumer countries to cut their oil consumption. Oil Minister Mansour Al Otaibi said last night. He said the official Emirates News Agency: "It is clear now that oil consuming countries were not serious in their promises to cut their consumption." He added: "This situation leaves an adverse effect on the producing countries and also has its effects on the world. We must adopt new policies to confront these developments."

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Jan. 21 (R) — Security police have arrested more members of an extremist Muslim group which has been planning acts of sabotage. Alexandria's chief prosecutor, Mr. Sami Barbari, said yesterday. He said the arrests were made in Alexandria and Cairo yesterday. Explosives, hand grenades, knives and other weapons were seized. He said those arrested were members of a group called Al Jihad (Holy Struggle). Last Monday, Egypt's prosecutor-general said 70 members of Al Jihad had been arrested on charges of planning terrorist acts, including the planting of explosives in some buildings in Alexandria. The group was said to be advocating the creation of a new Islamic society. Mr. Barbari said those arrested yesterday confessed that the instigators of the plans had been Egyptian Arab countries opposed to the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

BAHRAIN, Jan. 21 (R) — Guyana Prime Minister Forbes Burnham left Baghdad today after a three-day visit and praised the results of his talks with Iraqi officials. "The results of my visit to Iraq and talks with its officials have been highly influential and have not only on political aspects but also on economic cooperation between Iraq and Guyana," the Iraqi News Agency said today. Earlier today, Iraq and Guyana signed an economic, scientific and technical cooperation agreement. It provided for the exchange of experts and technical and training missions.

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (AP) — The Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development today granted loans totalling \$18 million to Turkey, Iran and Sri Lanka, to help finance development projects in the three countries. A \$5 million loan went to Turkey for financing a highway. An \$11 million loan was granted to Turkey to finance Istanbul water pipeline project. Sri Lanka will receive loan of \$1 million, supplementing an earlier loan \$25 million for financing a fertilizer plant.

ADDIS ABABA, Jan. 21 (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri received an urgent message from President Carter on Middle East developments, the official Sudan News Agency said today. The agency did not reveal contents of the message which it said was delivered to President Numeiri yesterday by the U.S. ambassador in Khartoum, Mr. Donald Bergus.

BUCHAREST, Jan. 21 (R) — Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil Romanian Premier Ilie Verdean began formal talks today on the East developments and the strengthening of bilateral relations. Mr. Verdean, leading a delegation of political and economic experts, arrived yesterday on a four-day official visit to Romania. The official Middle East News Agency reported that the two sides held a private meeting before the formal talks, but no details were disclosed. Romania and Egypt enjoy friendly relations and are bound by a number of cooperation agreements.



Participants in the four-day seminar on Islamic thought in Jordan discuss recommendations during the closing session Sunday evening. Crown Prince Hassan presides, with Mr. Kamel Sharif, minister of awqaf and Islamic affairs, at his side.

Carter to ask Congress to endorse boycott of Moscow Olympic games

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (R) — President Carter, determined to push the Soviet Union for intervening in Afghanistan, will ask Congress for special powers if necessary to enforce a U.S. boycott of the Olympic Games in Moscow, officials said today.

The president yesterday urged the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to transfer the games to another country or to postpone or cancel them unless all Soviet troops were withdrawn from Afghanistan within a month.

He said if the organisation refused to act, the U.S. committee should boycott the games. NATO allies and other countries were asked to follow suit.

But IOC President Lord Killanin said a change would be illegal and impossible. Mr. Carter told the U.S. Olympic Committee: "The Soviet Union... cannot trample upon an independent nation and do business as usual with the rest of the world." Moving the Olympic Games from Moscow next summer would have global impact and could deter future aggression, he said.

The White House has plans to suspend passports of American athletes and to order currency controls if the U.S. Olympic Committee fails to heed the president's call. These measures could lead to court challenges on the grounds that they violate the athletes' constitutional rights.

Officials said the president was prepared to ask Congress for more authority if necessary to prevent the American team, still to be picked, from participating in the games. But they said there seemed to be broad support for the president's views and in any case they could not imagine the U.S. committee defying him.

Mr. Robert Kane, president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, said there was no hope of persuading the IOC to change its view that the games must take place in the Soviet Union, which is playing host to the event for the first time.

The U.S. committee will meet in Colorado Springs next week to consider Mr. Carter's request and presumably to go ahead with its announced plan to poll prospective members of the U.S. Olympic team about a boycott.

Lord Killanin said today leaders of the Olympic movement would discuss at a meeting next month President Carter's opposition to the summer games being held in Moscow.

He said in a statement the American Olympic officials would report on the situation to a meeting of the IOC's executive board to be held on Feb. 10 and 11 before the winter games in Lake Placid.

In the statement issued at the committee's Lausanne headquarters, Lord Killanin said he had nothing to add to his previous statements insisting that the Moscow games should proceed as planned, regardless of politics.

The statement went on: "Meanwhile, Lord Killanin has asked for a report on the visit of the president and executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee, Robert Kane and Col. Don Miller, to the White House and for a copy of the president's letter to the USOC."

The American committee has agreed to report on the letter and its White House talks to the IOC's executive board meeting in Lake Placid next month, the statement added.

West European governments responded with caution today to President Carter's call for the boycott. Continental European governments, turning over the issue again today, pondered whether the impact of an Olympic ban on Moscow would outweigh the broken dreams of thousands of athletes.

Athletes who have worked several years hoping to win the supreme sporting accolade of an Olympic gold medal understandably want the games saved. Sports administrators in the west have similarly shown no enthusiasm for a boycott, saying that sport should not be the victim of politics.

In Bonn, the West German government said it had great understanding for President Carter's initiative in linking U.S. participation at the games with demands for a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. Interior Minister Gerhard Baum had talks today with the two West German IOC members, Willi Daume and Berthold Beitz. Mr. Daume said he was sceptical about prospects of boycotting the games.

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Islamic seminar recommends: New bodies should define Islam's relevance today

By Sara O'Neill
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 21 — A four-day seminar on Islamic thought in Jordan, which was attended by a score of eminent Jordanian figures and presided over throughout by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, ended in Amman Sunday, with a series of proposals aimed at more deeply allying the ideology

of Islam with the aspirations of Jordanian society in the twentieth century, and finding clear and precise answers in Islam to contemporary challenges.

Although the exact conclusions of the seminar will not be made public until next week, a number of recommendations have already been set down in some detail. These include the establishment of an institute for Islamic studies and research to be attached to the University of Jordan, a college to train Islamic preachers to a higher level than that already provided by the Ministry of Awqaf and a Higher National Guidance Council whose aim will be to coordinate the efforts of those government bodies concerned with social development in the service of the objective of forming good, balanced citizens within a balanced society.

It was also recommended that the duties of the Farwa (Islamic Jurists) Committee should be expanded. The committee should concern itself in an up to date yet authentic and intellectual manner with the basic problems Jordanian society is facing in the process of development. The addition of scholars of different disciplines would bring to this committee a

more integrated view of the task of a clearer modern understanding of Islamic law. The "cultural inferiority complex" of the Arab nation must be overcome with a spirit of self-confidence, which can only be engendered by more objective and methodological way of understanding Islam and its contemporary relevance and spreading the word, the seminar concluded. Taking faith as a point of departure, Islam is a powerful ideology which can combat non-constructive trends.

The seminar examined ways in which the ideology of Islam can promote the realisation of the national aspiration to prosperity, justice and stability. Three committees have already been formed to this end: one to study to what extent people in Jordan are influenced by Islamic principles and thought and to what they aspire; a second to develop more objective and methodological approaches to spreading the word of Islam and the third to study world interests in Islam with the intention of winning over western and other non-Muslim intellectuals to an appreciation of the Islamic cause by presenting to them a true picture.

Iran sets rules for presidential elections

TEHRAN, Jan. 21 (R) — The interior ministry today announced rules for Iran's first presidential election on Friday and promised to make every effort to see that the poll was conducted fairly. Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in a statement published in the Tehran press today, called on the ministry to select "trustworthy people from all walks of life" to supervise the ballot boxes and prevent rumours.

An interior ministry spokesman said that from an original field of over 100 candidates, 66 were now left after others were disqualified or dropped out. Of these, eight have been endorsed as front-runners by being given television time to air their views. If no candidate obtains over 50 per cent of the vote on Friday, there will be a run-off between the two leading contenders on Feb. 8. Campaigning would be banned on the day before the poll as well as on election day itself. It could resume before the run-off vote, if any.

Voters must write in the name of their choice on a blank ballot paper, and illiterates should take a reliable friend or relative to write the name, although they must cast the ballot themselves. One unconventional rule is that votes for candidates who have withdrawn will be counted and the figures published.

PLO 'neither supports nor condemns' Soviet military action in Afghanistan

BEIRUT, Jan. 21 (R) — A Palestinian leader was today quoted as saying the commando movement neither supported nor condemned Soviet military action in Afghanistan, though in principle it was opposed to intervention.

Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's political department, said in an interview with the Lebanese English-language magazine Monday Morning: "We are going to adopt a position of positive neutrality."

"We are in principle opposed to intervention..." He added: "Our position and Syria are the same... We do not support (the Soviet action) and we do not condemn (it)."

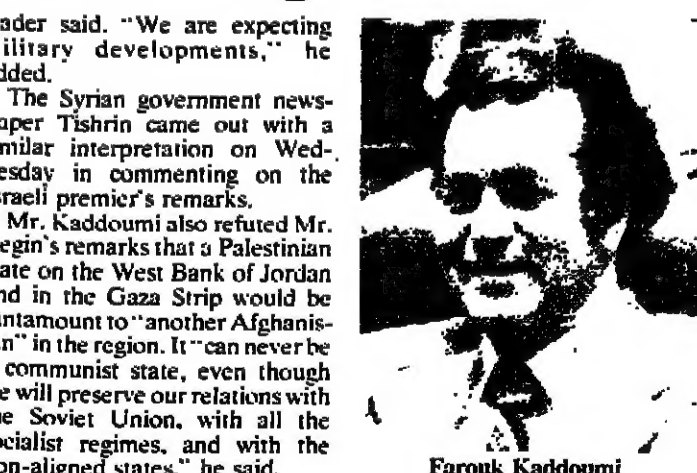
Mr. Kaddoumi gave the interview shortly after representing the PLO at a meeting of the Arab "Steadfastness and Confrontation" Front, opposed to Israeli-Egyptian peace moves, held in Damascus on Wednesday. The front comprises Syria, South Yemen, the Libyan Jamahiriyyah, Algeria and the PLO.

Mr. Kaddoumi said that while the PLO was neutral on the Soviet action, it condemned the "rabid" anti-Soviet campaign which was unacceptable. He said it was aimed at "overshadowing" the Arab-Israeli conflict and diverting attention from the normalisation of Egyptian-Israeli relations, scheduled to start on Jan. 26.

It was also aimed at "goading the Arab and Islamic states into forming new alliances after the collapse of the CENTO (Central Treaty Organisation) alliance," which used to group Iran, Turkey, Pakistan, Britain and the U.S. as an associate member.

He said the Islamic foreign ministers conference, due to be held on Jan. 26 to discuss the implications of Soviet intervention should not be held in Pakistan "because holding it there would anger India and other friendly states."

Mr. Kaddoumi said there were indications that Israel was planning an attack on Syria or South Lebanon. He based this on statements by Israeli Premier Menachem Begin that the PLO supported the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and that Syria was preparing for an attack. These statements were "obviously aimed at arousing European and American public opinion against the PLO and Syria," the commando leader said. "We are expecting military developments," he added.



Farouk Kaddoumi

U.S. makes major commitment to modernise Egyptian forces

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP) — The United States has offered Egypt a multi-billion-dollar package of military aid credit, making a major commitment to help modernise Egypt's armed forces, U.S. government officials said today.

The offer includes top-of-the-line F-16 fighter planes and M-60 tanks, whose inclusion has raised Israeli objections, the sources, who declined to be named, said.

The offer, presented to Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak last week, would provide Egypt more than \$1 billion in military credits over two years, starting in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, the sources said.

Tentatively, the administration has offered to add \$800 million per year in credits for three years, starting in 1982. Combined with the \$1.5 billion in credits made available to Egypt after it signed last year's peace treaty with Israel, Egypt would have received well over \$5 billion in credits.

The sales if approved by Congress, would place Egypt second on the list of American military aid recipients, behind Israel. The sources confirmed that Israel has lodged objections to some parts of the military aid programme, particularly the F-16.

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Keep politics out of sports

PRESIDENT CARTER has decided to ask Congress for extraordinary powers to stop the U.S. Olympic team from taking part in the 1980 games in Moscow. The Soviet Union and its East European allies are particularly upset at this move, commentators say, because the Kremlin was hoping the Moscow Olympics would allow it the opportunity to exhibit a side of the Soviet Union that is radically different from its dominant image in the West. A boycott of the games would also be a significant blow to the prestige of the USSR, not to mention the financial losses it would incur.

Many arguments can be put forward as to why politics should be kept out of sports. A most persuasive case can be made for the Olympic Games in particular; for they are an example of athletes from all over the world, striving for supreme excellence in peaceful, clean and fair competition, regardless of colour, creed or racial origin, as though to tell the world: stop your bickering.

At the same time it is difficult to say that this ideal must not bend to any political consideration. It is such a well-publicised event that many groups have used it in the past to call attention to their cause. In 1968 in Mexico 200 people died, many of them students, to tell the world of the injustice in their society, of the hunger and misery of ten million people. They used the limelight of the Olympics to stage their protest.

It is one thing, however, for groups who have no other way to make themselves heard to resort to such tactics — no matter how uneasy this may make us feel — it is quite another for powerful nations to use it as one of the tools at their disposal to put their message across at minimal cost to themselves, if one may be allowed to indulge a passing but justified sense of cynicism. Nor is it quite cricket, for that matter, for the host country to use the occasion to make political propaganda for itself, or for nations to train their athletes to seek victory at any cost.

We may be witnessing the beginning of the end of the modern cycle of Olympic Games. The games, which died once already, were revived in 1896, after centuries of neglect. They had thrived in Greece between roughly 776 B.C. and 393 A.D. Few enterprises started by man had endured so long. They were held at four-year intervals, as is the practice today, and a sacred truce was declared among the feuding Greek city states, and rigidly enforced, to allow participants to travel to the games.

The modern cycle has only been interrupted by the two world wars, and there is no question of the 1980 Olympics being cancelled. The International Olympic Committee has a binding contract with the organising committee of the Moscow Olympics, and many national teams are not bound by their government's decisions, hence President Carter's recourse to Congress.

But the games have become such an extravaganza for the media, and the commercial advantages are becoming so considerable, even if kept on the sidelines, that even some of the competitors have not remained aloof. In 1968, two victorious American athletes used the occasion of receiving their awards to convey a double message: one fist was lifted in the Black Power salute, the other to advertise a brand of sporting footwear. The spirit of the Olympics is not what it used to be.

Yet despite such exceptions, in the event of a boycott, one must feel sorry first and foremost for the athletes themselves, who live for this competition which comes once every four years. For those who miss it, it may be too late the next time round, and, after all, aren't the athletes the heart of the games?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'Y: The meetings of the seminar on Islamic thought in Jordanian society, in which His Highness Crown Prince Hassan was keen to take a leading part, concluded in Amman on Sunday. The seminar reflects Jordan's willingness to crystallise a contemporary path to benefit from the energy inherent in Islam and to place it on the right course — that is, to serve the national goals and pan-Arab aspirations.

Prince Hassan described the seminar as being a manifestation of the Jordanian society's allegiance to its heritage — because Islam is considered one of the cornerstones of this society. Allegiance to Islam was for a long time unable to contribute to or truly to participate in the growth of national and pan-Arab strength. This allegiance was even at a certain stage considered a sign of backwardness and inability to keep pace with the "spirit of the times".

No doubt this incomplete understanding of the Islamic heritage reflects the complex of "cultural shortfall" which was discussed by the seminar's participants. This complex was counteracted by an emphasis on the Islamic religion's sources of power and the necessity of giving it prominence and presenting it as an ideology capable of providing standards for any society.

The seminar's concern with developing the methods of Islamic preaching and discussing the current international interest in Islam is a clear indicator that the seminar has taken the first step in the right direction. AL DUSTOOR: Israel has exploited what has happened in Afghanistan to insist on its present vision of local autonomy, which is based on refusing to give the Palestinians the right to self-determination and sovereignty, with the pretext that the establishment of a Palestinian state will be a call for Soviet intervention in the region.

The Camp David accords have only one aim; that is, to get Egypt out of the Arab line of confrontation with Israel, splitting the Arab ranks and giving Israel a free hand in the occupied territories.

If President Sadat has consented to follow this dangerous path, the sincere Arab countries are called upon, more than at any previous time, to preserve their unified stand in order to correct the process and achieve the desired just peace — now that everybody has seen the inability of Camp David to achieve this peace.

Nabulsi appeals to ALO to stop JDEC seizure

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — The Minister of Labour, Mr. Omar Nabulsi, has appealed to the director general of the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) to bring the subject of the seizure of the Jerusalem District Electricity Company by the Israeli occupation authorities before Arab and international bodies in order to support the stand of the company's employees and the people of Arab Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip against Israel's arbitrary measures.

In a memo also sent to the director general of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Mr. Nabulsi said the Israeli government's premeditated decision to take possession of the company was intended to dominate the utilities of Jerusalem in order to remove its Arab and Islamic features.

The minister added that the decision is merely a political measure and just one of several arbitrary measures aimed at tightening the grip of the occupation authorities on Arab Jerusalem and consequently separating it from the West Bank to impose a fait accompli with Jerusalem becoming the capital of Israel.

This measure, Mr. Nabulsi said, comes when the military occupation authorities continue to take away land from the Arabs in the occupied territories and use it for the establishment of Jewish settlements.

Ombudsman's office opens here Tuesday

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — The newly created Citizens' Complaints Bureau (Ombudsman's office) will start operations Tuesday, an official spokesman at the Prime Minister's office said here yesterday.

He said that for a complaint to be considered, it should be addressed to the Prime Minister, signed by the complaining person giving his or her full name, address and Post Office box — and telephone number, if possible. Above all, the person who presents the complaint must produce an identity card.

The director general of the bureau, Mr. Eid Abu Karaki, said that the office will be opened to receive people's complaints during daily office hours. The bureau is located in an office on the fifth floor of the new Housing Corporation building, in front of the Prime Ministry.

Its telephone numbers are: 43346, 43466 and the Post Office Box: 35262.

Central Bank denies ordering smiths to stop dealing in gold

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 21 — A spokesman from the Central Bank of Jordan today denied reports that the bank had ordered goldsmiths here to cease buying and selling gold. The spokesman said that goldsmiths are licensed to buy and sell gold and there had been no change in their right to do so.

However, he added, two days ago the Central Bank issued a directive ordering money changers to stop trafficking in the precious metal. "They are not allowed to buy and sell it without explicit permission from the Central Bank. None of them has such permission so the directive was really a reminder for them to refrain from such dealings."

The bank had issued the reminder, he said, "in order to limit speculation in the local markets."

Hijaz RR to continue talks on reopening Syria-Jordan-Saudi line

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — The Hijaz Railway higher committee will meet on Jan. 26 in Amman to follow up talks on reactivating the line linking Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat said recently.

Prior to the meeting, he said, there will be a meeting of the Hijaz Railway technical committee to finalise an agreement with a consultant firm which will make a feasibility study on building another railway line. The new line would be used to transport passengers and goods between Europe and the three countries, the minister said.

The railway's higher committee is composed of the transport ministers of Jordan and Syria and the Saudi Arabian minister of communications, while the technical committee is made up of two representatives of each of the three Arab countries.

Qasem to head delegation to Islamabad conference

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — The cabinet yesterday appointed the members of Jordan's delegation to the Islamic foreign ministers' conference to be held in Islamabad on Jan. 26. The four-man delegation will be led by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem. The conference was called to study the situation in Afghanistan.



Marwan Al Qasem
PM receives Bar Assoc. members

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, received in his office this evening the chairman and members of the Jordanian Bar Association and the Minister of Justice, Mr. Najib Irshaid. They discussed issues pertaining to legislation and the judiciary and the role the association can play in their advancement.

Crown Prince affirms support for people in occupied lands

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, yesterday stressed Jordan's determination to continue extending aid to the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories in order to strengthen their steadfastness under Israeli occupation.

The Crown Prince was speaking during a meeting with a visiting team of officials from the education department in Hebron, in the occupied West Bank.

The team briefed the Crown Prince on the education situation in Hebron and on matters concerning the syllabi and the conditions of students and teachers.

The team also requested further assistance to develop schools and improve teachers' conditions by building a housing project. They also asked recognition by the Jordanian government of the Shari'a college in Hebron.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JT) — Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Nsour and several ministry officials went to the Amman Chamber of Industry today and met with top members of the business community to explore ways of boosting the industrial sector. They also discussed a new draft law for the Chamber which, if approved by the Cabinet, would extend the Chamber's authority from the Amman region to all of Jordan. Mr. Nsour and the business delegation also discussed Jordan's trained manpower needs and how to promote private activity in industry, an informed source said. Yesterday, a visiting delegation from the Iron and Steel Company in Qatar discussed with cooperation between the company and Jordanian industrial firms. They also discussed the possibility of supplying Jordanian factories with their requirements of iron bars. The delegation, which arrived in Amman Saturday, will be visiting a number of Jordanian factories.

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — A group of French cartographers will carry out aerial surveys of phosphate areas near Al Hasa and Al Shidiyeh, according to an agreement signed at the Jordan National Geographic Centre today. The French surveyors will carry out the work in 30 months, at a cost of JD 237,115. The Director of the centre and a representative of the French group signed the agreement.

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — The cabinet yesterday approved a loan agreement of £3.5 million from the United Kingdom to finance an electrification project in the Irbid Governorate. The Jordanian government will transfer the loan to the Irbid Electricity Company to carry out the project.

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — A spokesman for the Public Security Directorate said today that a total of 28 incidents occurred in Jordan yesterday, resulting in the deaths of four people and the injury of 12 others. Among these, he said, there were three thefts, nine road accidents and one case of food poisoning. There were 43 incidents on Saturday, resulting in the deaths of two children and the injury of 24 other persons.

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — The mid-year session of the General Secondary Certificate Examinations (Tawjihi) ended today. Nearly 30,721 male and female students sat for the eight-day session. A spokesman for the Ministry of Education said that marking of papers will start on Wednesday, Jan. 23 in Amman and Irbid. A total of 13 centres have been appointed for nearly 2,000 teachers who will be involved in marking the papers, the spokesman said.

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JNA) — Jordan is to participate in a number of industrial trade fairs in 1980, according to a decision made by the cabinet yesterday. The fairs will be in Damascus, Baghdad, Tripoli, Brussels, Paris, Bari, Frankfurt, Milan, Berlin, Izmir and Zagreb.

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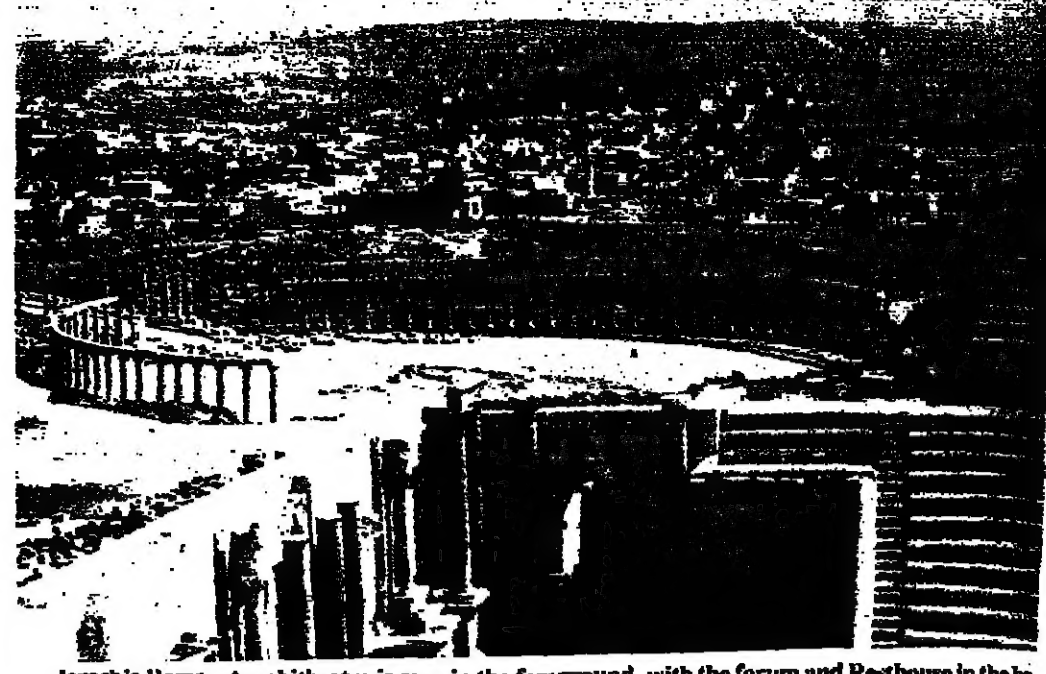
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Free entry



Jerash's Roman Amphitheatre is seen in the foreground, with the forum and Resthouse in the background.

Philips signs contract to d Jerash sound and light show

By Terry McBryde
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 21 — Jordan's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities signed a contract with the Dutch company, N.V. Philips, yesterday to set up a Sound and Light Spectacular in Jerash at a cost of about JD 200,000.

The spectacular will consist of a radio play about the history of Jerash with lighting to dramatise the areas that are being referred to.

The technical equipment and supervision of its installation will cost about JD 130,000 while the artistic services will be about JD 70,000, according to Mr. Yousef Alami, director of the Petra and Jerash Project. These services will include the writing of the script by a Jordanian writer and the recording of the sound tracks by about 17 radio actors and musicians.

The script will be recorded in Arabic, English, French and German, and plans call for the 45-minute spectacular to be shown twice a week in each language, Mr. Alami said.

The programme, which is to be completed by March or April of 1981, will take place in three different settings. Each show will begin in front of the Jerash Resthouse, with the second part seen and heard from the forum area and the final scene taking place at the Roman Amphitheatre.

Fifty per cent of the cost of the spectacular is being provided by a World Bank grant and the Jordanian government is supplying the remainder. The government will also provide infrastructure facilities such as underground cables for the electronic equipment and a control room.

A new restaurant beside the Jerash Visitors' Centre is due to be completed at about the same time. The sound and light programme begins.

Tours will be organised with

travel agencies and JETT bus company to take tourists to Jerash from Amman for the show as well as dinner at the new restaurant. The total cost would probably be between four and five dinars, Mr. Alami said. The show itself would only cost JD 1.

Two years ago, seven companies prequalified for design and construction of the sound and light project and two were short June 1979.

Director of Tourism Hamarnah signed the contract on behalf of the ministry's tender committee, and M. Sanders, sales manager of Sound and Light Group for the Dutch company.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Documentary Exhibition

The French Cultural Centre presents a documentary exhibition entitled "The History of the French Song." This exhibition times until January 27.

Sculpture Exhibition

The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with Embassy of Romania, presents an exhibition of small Roman sculpture at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth exhibition is open until January 27.

German Art Exhibition

The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition of art works from art centres of Berlin and Hamburg. The exhibition is open January 26.

German Film

The Goethe Institute presents a film by Arthur Maria Re entitled "Vergissmeinnicht" (1958) starring Sabine Beth Erich Winn and Rudolf Vogel. Subtitles are in English, a film starts at 8:00 p.m.

Audio-Visual Presentation

The French Cultural Centre presents the second part audio-visual presentation on the French song. This event is 5:30 p.m.

Archaeology Meeting

The Friends of Archaeology are holding their annual meeting which Dr. Adnan Hadidi and Dr. James Sauer will talk archaeology. The meeting takes place at the British Club 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A COMPETITION

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities invites the citizens and the residents in Jordan to participate in a international competition for the best papers on travel themes which the World Tourism Organisation will sponsor on the occasion of the World Tourism Conference to be held at Manila in 1980.

Subjects:

1. The type of holidays I prefer, and why?
2. The professional qualities I look for in Tourism personnel, and Why?

The nature of the papers:

- The paper should not be more than 300 words written in English, and should not identify a particular place or country but analyse the preference for certain forms of holiday.
- Participants should send the papers to the Ministry of Tourism, Marketing Department before May 1, 1980
- The competition is open to all the citizens and the residents in Jordan.

Prizes:

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities will award prizes for the winners in each category. The best entry will be given a one-week holiday at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Aqaba. The second-best entry will be given a three day holiday in Aqaba, and the third-best entry will be given a valuable gift.

- The winners also will be given certificates of honour and medals.
- The best entry will participate in the International Competition sponsored by the World Tourism Organisation. International panel will make a final selection of the best papers for which the following prizes will be awarded:

1st, 2nd, 3rd places: Diploma of Honour
4th, 5th places: Certificate of participation.

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After release of 800 detainees

M details royal amnesty to NCC

Jan. 21 (JNA)—The Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid, said today that 800 persons serving sentences of 20 years or more or life terms commuted to 10 years according to the royal amnesty announced on Saturday.

Addressing the National Consultative Council (NCC) today, the prime minister said that the amnesty excludes persons convicted for espionage, selling property to the enemy, cooperating with the enemy or those imprisoned for crimes connected with

national security.

More than 800 persons have already been released from jail and instructions have been given to military and civil courts to make a speedy study of detainees' cases so that their detention periods can be made as short as possible the prime minister said.

Most of the 800 prisoners released yesterday were held in the Mahatta Rehabilitation Centre in Amman, but some were from Karak, Zarqa and Salt jails.

He said special attention will be given to juvenile delinquents, who will be given special care with the ultimate goal of reintegrating them into society.

The prime minister said that the security of the nation is the

responsibility of every citizen as well as that of the state. It is the duty of the security authorities to be vigilant and alert and to treat with firmness all cases affecting state security in order to safeguard the stability and security of the country, he said.

Before the prime minister spoke, an NCC member, Mr. Suleiman Irteimeh, expressed the council's gratitude for the royal amnesty which he said reflects the self-confidence of the present government and the stability and security in the country.

Later, the council discussed a number of bills connected with agriculture, law courts, civil pensions and civil aviation.



Sharif Abdul Hamid addressing the NCC on Monday



Detainees released yesterday join with police officers in a celebratory round of dabke dancing (left and above)

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	280	14,250	14,250	14,250
Line and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	1,000	5,250	5,250	5,250
in Development and Investment	JD 2,440	1,200	1,950	1,950	1,950
Investment Bank	JD 1,000	7200	1,550	1,500	1,500
in Seas Insurance Co. Ltd.	JD 5,000	15	9,600	9,600	9,600
of Jordan	JD 5,000	200	12,400	12,400	12,400
Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	27138	1,630	1,630	1,630
Bank	JD 1,000	400	1,800	1,800	1,800
Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	2550	2,200	2,150	2,200
Bank	JD 10,000	200	16,000	16,000	16,000
Bank Co.	JD 10,000	50	89,000	89,000	89,000
Dawa Development	JD 1,000	2685	3,850	3,800	3,800
Investment Co.	JD 1,000	9405	3,100	3,050	3,100
Industrial Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	2790	0,860	0,860	0,860
International Hotels Co.	JD 5,000	69	25,000	25,000	25,000
Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 1,000	4250	1,520	1,500	1,520
Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	4425	1,500	1,500	1,500
Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	9000	1,050	1,040	1,040
Industrial Construction and Investment	JD 10,000	468	21,250	21,250	21,250
Cement Factories Co.	JD 1,000	600	1,200	1,200	1,200
Ceramic Industries Co.	JD 1,000	100	0,820	0,820	0,820
Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	2550	0,900	0,900	0,900
Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	4350	1,150	1,150	1,150
Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	2085	3,250	3,250	3,250
Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 5,000	1615	9,900	9,850	9,850
Petroleum Refinery Co.					

Volume Traded on Monday, Jan. 21, 1980: JD 185,176

Number of shares traded: 84,625



Families of prisoners to be released wait expectantly

TODAY'S WEATHER

There will be some clouds with southerly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
low	2	12
high	9	20
Aqaba	1	15
Deserts	8	18
Jordan Valley		

Fahoum: Jordan, PLO now in cohesion stage

AMMAN, Jan. 21 (JT) -- Jordanian-PLO relations have now got beyond the point of dialogue and have entered the stage of cohesion, the President of the National Palestinian Council, Mr. Khaled Al Fahoum, said in an interview published yesterday.

He expressed the hope that the next stage will witness Jordanian-PLO joint action aimed at promoting the Palestinian cause and serving the national interest.

Lauding the policy of His Majesty King Hussein and the role

played by Jordan at this stage, Mr. Fahoum said the Jordanian stand enhances the Arab nation's steadfastness, particularly that of the Arab people under Israeli occupation who face all conspiracies.

Mr. Fahoum denounced allegations propagated by Zionist news media about Jordan's attempt to spread its influence in the West Bank. He said Jordan has a national and honourable stand and is committed to it.

Jordan will never be affected by these conspiracies and will con-

tinued to face all pressures with firmness, he said. "We know very well the Jordanian political stand, it is clear, and always frank," Mr. Fahoum added.

"It is not important at the moment who should rule the West Bank," Mr. Fahoum stressed. "The important thing is the return of the West Bank and Jerusalem and Israel's withdrawal."

"Our people know well where their interests lie and will continue to stand fast in the face of conspiracies," Mr. Fahoum said.

Seminar: Islam's relevance today

(Continued from page 1)

ture of Islam.

The minister of Awqaf, Mr. Kamel Al Sharif, said in an interview with the Jordan Times today that this was the first attempt in a seminar organised by the Awqaf ministry to bring together men of thought from a number of disciplines as well as Islamic experts.

Participating in the seminar along with Islamic scholars were several cabinet ministers (the ministers of agriculture, education, culture and youth, and information), university professors -- including the presidents of both the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University -- and leading members of the press.

Although the participants represented varying shades of opinion on the best means to the desired objective, they found that on all basic points they were agreed, as they were on the final goal, the minister said.

The Crown Prince said in his concluding remarks before the seminar that this "responsible dialogue between thinkers is a healthy indication of our ardent quest to build a better future for our society."

The resurgence of Islamic fervour, as witnessed throughout the Islamic world, was the subject of much debate. In particular the violent manifestations of this expression of faith as witnessed recently in several neighbouring countries were examined so as to understand not only the direct causes of this extremism but also the reaction of the outside world as reflected in foreign news coverage.

How far the violent expression of Islamic faith in certain countries is due to external influences and how much to internal ones only

was another question tackled by the seminar.

An attempt was made to understand to what extent the sweeping wave of Islamic fervour was a reaction against Western civilisation -- in order that "we (in Jordan) can reduce these differences (between Islam and other ideologies) to a minimum. What, for instance, is the attitude of Islam towards communism? What can be accepted of Western and other ideologies? What must we reject in order to maintain Islamic principles?"

The violent upheavals have clearly shown a great gap between

the rulers and the masses in the countries where the upheavals have occurred. The people's feelings must always be taken into account, the minister continued.

"To avoid such a confrontation there should always be a dialogue between those governing and the people. One must always reach a compromise," the minister said.

Another gathering will be convened in a fortnight's time to discuss further the concrete conclusions arising out of this week's seminar. The recommendations will then be distributed in French and English as well as Arabic, the minister said.

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN JORDAN VALLEY AUTHORITY SYNOPSIS (Notice in CBD & Local Papers) JORDAN: PREQUALIFICATION FOR NORTH JORDAN DOMESTIC WATER PROJECT

The Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) invites contractors interested in the North Jordan Domestic Water Project to prequalify for consideration by the JVA and project financing agencies.

The project area is in the Northern part of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and is located along a line between Dier Alfar in the Jordan Valley and Amman.

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4. A pipeline approximately 9 km long from the terminal reservoir site to an existing distribution reservoir located within the city limits of Amman near Sports City.
5. Pumping and booster stations as necessary to lift the water some 1,200 metres (4,000 feet).
6. Feeder powerlines and substations to supply electricity to the project where needed, as coordinated with the Jordan Electrical Authority (JEA).
7. Telemetry and remote control systems to monitor and control pumps, reservoir levels, and other operating components.

It is anticipated that the facilities to be constructed will be packaged into two or more separate bid invitations. Services will be procured under fixed-price contract arrangements to the maximum extent.

It is anticipated that the invitation (s) for bids will be issued about May 1, 1980, and that a bidding period of ninety (90) days will be specified. The scheduled date for commencement of the works is December 1, 1980, with a construction period of 30 months.

USAID funds will be used to finance the water treatment plant, pump stations and intake structure, and only U.S., Jordan, or AID geographic code 941 country firms will be prequalified these works. The remaining project features will be financed from international or Jordanian funds and will be open to prequalified international firms.

Prequalification questionnaires may be obtained from either the Jordan Valley Authority, P.O. Box 2769, Amman, Jordan (Telex 21692-JVC JO) or Stanley Consultants, Inc., Stanley Building, Muscatine, Iowa 52761 (Telex 468402) after January 1, 1980. Completed questionnaire must be submitted to the JVA by noon on the closing day of March 15, 1980 for consideration. Qualifying experience shown in the completed questionnaire must be of the responding firm itself and not merely that of individuals in the firms. A separate questionnaire is required for each member of any proposed joint venture and for major subcontractors (over 20% of the work).

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Nicaraguan boxer retains title

TUSCON, Arizona, Jan. 21 (R)—Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua retained his World Boxing Council super featherweight title by knocking out American Ruben Castillo after two minutes and three seconds of the 11th round here yesterday. Arguello, 27, said he followed his fight plan to the letter in order to successfully defend his championship for the seventh time.

In the tenth round, Arguello, who weighed in at 130 pounds, said he felt himself growing stronger while his 129-pound opponent began to weaken. Arguello took the round and by the start of the 11th it was clear he intended to corner Castillo and finish the fight. Castillo managed to manoeuvre around Arguello's 69½-inch reach for several rounds, but he appeared to lose his speed and mobility as the fight progressed.

Arguello said his experience made it possible for him to work Castillo into a neutral corner in the 11th where he hit him with punches to the face and body for more than 15 seconds before the challenger went down. Arguello said Castillo was championship material, provided he stayed in his own weight division. Castillo, ranked third best in the world as a featherweight fighter, put on the extra pounds just to challenge Arguello. Castillo, 22, said he was disappointed by the defeat, but added that he only took the fight with Arguello because Danny Lopez, the champion in his own weight division, refuses to fight him.

West German soccer results

BONN, Jan. 21 (JT) — Results of West German soccer matches played over the weekend were:

Uerdingen 2, Werder Bremen 0.
Munich 1, FC Köln 1.
Frankfurt 1, Dortmund 0.
Düsseldorf 6, Kaiserslautern 1.
VfB Stuttgart 2, Duisburg 0.
Braunschweig 3, Hertha BSC 1.
Leverkusen 1, Bayern Munich 0.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Schalke 1, M'gladbach 0.
Hamburger SV 3, VfL Bochum 1.
Top standings

1. Hamburger SV, 2. Bayern Munich, 3. FC Köln, 4. Eintr. Frankfurt, 5. Bor. Dortmund, 6. Schalke, 7. VfB Stuttgart, 8. Bor. M'gladbach, 9. Bayer Leverkusen and 10. Uerdingen.

African soccer championship

BLANTYRE, Jan. 21 (R) — Kenya's national league champions Gor Mahia beat defending champions Abahuniya also of Kenya, 3-2 (half time 1-1) to win the sixth East and Central Africa Soccer Clubs' Championship here yesterday.

Scotland beats France in rugby

AURILLAC, France, Jan. 21 (R) — A penalty by Peter Dods and drop goal from Bryan Gossman gave Scotland a 6-0 win over France in a rugby union "B" international here yesterday. The French took the early initiative but the Scottish pack rapidly took over and dominated much of the rest of the match. Dods opened the scoring in the 29th minute and fly half Gossman, whose low kicks kept the French off balance, dropped his goal 15 minutes later. France threatened several times towards the end of the second half but the Scottish defence held firm.

Monte Carlo Motor Rally

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 21 (R) — West German Walter Rohrl headed a pack of four Fiat cars into the top six places in the Monte Carlo Motor Rally today. Rohrl driving a Fiat 131 Abarth, was two minutes 32 seconds ahead of the Lancia Stratos of Frenchman Bernard Darniche, the winner last year, after six special stages on ice-covered roads. Italian Attilio Bettega was third in a Fiat Ritmo, Frenchman Jean-Claude Andruet fourth in a Fiat 131 Abarth and his compatriot Michele Mouton sixth in a similar car. Although 236 cars started the seven-day world championship event from nine European centres on Saturday, the top 210 only will compete in tonight's 1,500 kilometre section through the Alps.

World Cricket Cup Series

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 21 (AP) — The English have every hope of squaring the three match final series to decide the \$50,000 and Hedges World Cup Series tomorrow at the Sydney cricket ground. The West Indians won the first encounter at the Melbourne cricket ground yesterday in a thrilling finish where England needed a boundary from captain Mike Brearley of the last ball. The West Indies won by two runs after Brearley drove Michael Holding to mid-on. Clive Lloyd, the angular West Indian captain, fielded the ball resulting in an easy run out for aggressive wicket keeper David Bairstow to end England's last hope.

Britain down W. Germany in Kings Cup

LONDON, Jan. 21 (R) — West Germany unexpectedly shot to their first defeat in the Kings Cup—the European indoor tennis team competition—when Britain beat them 2-1 in a castle last night. The British hero was 22-year-old Andrew Rert, their number seven ranked player, who ended the unbeaten singles record of Rolf Gehring, and later partnered David Lloyd in the deciding doubles. West Germany's defeat throws the nation group open again and their match with Czechoslovakia on Thursday will decide who meets Hungary in the Jarrett, who had missed the last two matches through injury was playing with his right thigh heavily strapped, scored one best wins of his career in beating Gehring 7-6, 6-1.

Title-holders Czechoslovakia set themselves up for a down with West Germany with a comfortable 3-0 victory Sweden in Chrudim. Tomas Smid defeated Ulf Ericson 6-4 and Ivan Lendl gave them a winning 2-0 lead, beating Petr Kuis 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. Smid then teamed up with Pavel Sk complete the triumph with a 7-5, 6-2 doubles win over Er and Stefan Simonsson. In yesterday's Group B matches, H defeated the Soviet Union 2-1 in Moscow and Austria de France by the same score in Rheims.

Spanish soccer results

MADRID, Jan. 21 (R) — Results of yesterday's 17th round Division Spanish soccer matches were:

Barcelona two, Almeria zero.
Rayo Vallecano zero, Real Zaragoza one.
Valencia two, Real Betis two.
Las Palmas one, Salamanca zero.
Atletico Madrid one, Real Sociedad one.
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Following amputation of leg Tito's condition remains critical for next 3 days

BELGRADE, Jan. 21 (R)—President Tito's doctors said he was in good general condition today after the amputation of his left leg yesterday to save his life.

Mr. Tito, 87, has ruled Yugoslavia for more than three decades and is life president of the Communist Party and state.

The doctors said in a bulletin: "President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito, who was operated on at the clinical centre in Ljubljana

yesterday, spent a quiet night. (His) blood pressure and pulse are within the normal range. The general condition of President Tito's health is good."

The doctors said they expected President Tito to withstand and shock of the operation, but they

added his condition would remain critical for three days, and would remain uncertain for about three weeks.

The operation followed surgery on Jan. 13 to insert tubing in his leg to bypass an arterial blockage. That failed and gangrene developed.

Doctors were hopeful that the amputation of his left leg above the knee would overcome the blockage which they said had threatened his life. They were also confident that they had halted the spread of gangrene which had started to appear in the toes of the left leg.

Politicians doubted whether President Tito, partisan leader against Nazi occupation in World War Two and the last of the great wartime figures, would ever be able to resume his highly active role in domestic and international affairs, although his influence was certain to remain strong.

While long refusing to designate an heir or giving any signs of wanting to step down, he has set up a nine-man collective state presidency and a 24-member party presidency.

If he died or retired, the deputy leaders of both would automatically take over.

The amputation, and the need for an extended period of rest and recovery, prompted some Yugoslav leaders to say privately the president was likely to take on an elder statesman's role, leaving the collective leadership to take control of everyday affairs.

The president's illness has come at a particularly worrying time of increasing international tensions over direct Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, which some Yugoslavs fear might provide a precedent for interference in their country.

President Tito broke with the Soviet bloc in 1948 and went on to pursue a fiercely independent foreign policy and to establish a brand of socialist workers' self-management.

S. Africa's gold earnings look certain to boost living standard

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 21 (R)—Money is pouring into South Africa because of its gold production and hopes are rising that a boom is on the way, with lower taxes, better welfare and more cash for improving the lot of the black majority.

Gold earnings, soaring because of the dramatic rise in world gold prices, could place South Africa on a par with one of the smaller OPEC nations, except that it would be gold-rich instead of oil-rich.

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange is booming, motor dealers forecast that 1980 will be a record year with orders sharply up for luxury cars, and swimming pool builders say they are besieged by orders.

The next budget, in March, is being eagerly awaited here.

Economists, stockbrokers and financial writers agree that Finance Minister Owen Horwood will probably cut personal and company taxes, increase pensions and child allowances and pump more funds into projects to help the blacks such as education, training and housing.

Mr. Horwood is being cautious because past experience has seen the gold price slump. He said recently: "The higher gold price has extremely favourable implications, provided that financial discipline is maintained and government spending kept under tight control."

Even taking a modest average calculation for the year of \$560 an ounce for gold—far below its present level—South Africa would receive about \$12 billion from its gold production. In 1979, South Africa earned \$6.7 billion in foreign exchange from gold.

South Africa's tax rate is already below ten per cent for most workers but rises sharply for the middle and upper-income earners and they can expect to benefit most.

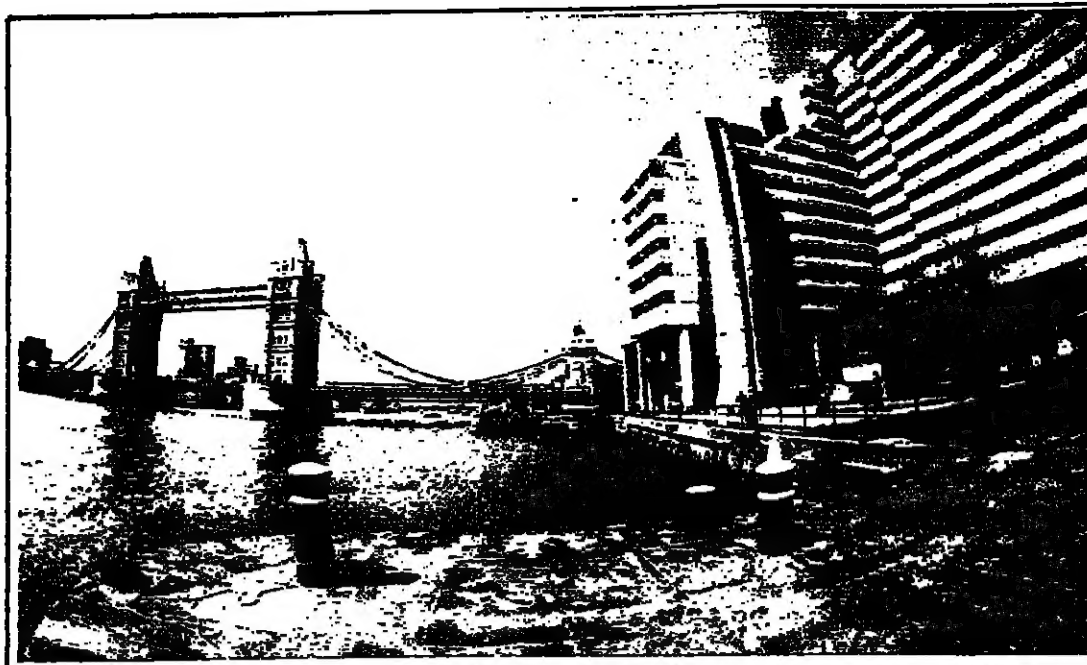
Company tax, lowered two per cent in last year's budget, is widely expected to come down another three per cent to 40 per cent.

A surcharge on imports, also cut last year from 12.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent, looks likely to be scrapped altogether.

Poorly-paid teachers and nurses can expect sizeable pay rises.

Higher subsidies on food and transport for the poorly-paid black majority are also predicted, particularly as Mr. Horwood last September boosted the bread subsidy—a vital matter to the country's 18 million or so blacks—by \$54 million to \$138 million a year.

As well as the increase in the bread subsidy, \$90 million of last year's extra income from gold was



LONDON—The Tower Bridge and Tower Hotel viewed from St. Katherine's Dock on the River Thames. The Tower Bridge, designed by Sir Horace Jones and Sir John Barry, took eight years and 10,000 tons of steel to build and was a major engineering achievement when it opened in 1894. The twin towers have a steel structure which was sheathed in stone and designed to complement the outline of the nearby Tower of London. The Tower Hotel, part of the St. Katherine's Dock development, was opened in 1973. It is 14 storeys high with an irregular, castellated outline designed to maintain the riverside skyline and complement surrounding buildings. (COI photo)

Explosion in Basque country raises this year's political death toll to ten

BILBAO, Spain, Jan. 21 (R)—Four people died and nine were injured yesterday when a powerful bomb exploded in a Bilbao bar, raising this year's political death toll in the Basque country to ten.

Police said nobody had claimed responsibility for the blast which wrecked the Aldama Bar in the Baracaldo suburb of this northern port. Three of the injured were in serious condition.

The blast was caused by an estimated five-kilo bomb placed at the door of the bar. The remains of one victim, who had been standing near the bomb, were found scattered more than 200 metres away.

The dead were a married couple, an elderly man and a father of six.

The owner, whose leg was broken in the blast, was believed to be a Basque nationalist supporter but police were still unsure

of the motive for the attack as the bar was also used by traffic police.

Yesterday's bombing, occurring only hours after a Bilbao salesman was shot dead also apparently for political motives, was the most serious since bombs planted by Basque separatist guerrillas killed seven people in Madrid.

Four of this year's killings have been claimed by the military wing of the Basque guerrilla group ETA.

Mugabe may order forces out of Rhodesia assembly camps

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 21 (R)—Guerrilla leader Robert Mugabe said in an interview published today he was considering ordering his forces out of their ceasefire assembly camps in Rhodesia because he fears for their safety.

Mr. Mugabe, leader of the

Next March, this industrial northern region elects its own parliament following approval of a home-rule statute giving it powers over local policing, taxation, broadcasting and education.

ETA's violent wing rejects the measures as inadequate.

Mostly attacking police or army targets, the organisation apparently wants to provoke a military takeover in the Basque country which it believes would lead to a popular uprising.

ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) wing of the Patriotic Front, told the Johannesburg Star's Africa News Service that Rhodesian security forces and auxiliary troops loyal to the former administration of Bishop Abel Muzorewa had moved into areas vacated by his guerrillas.

He said the ZANLA guerrillas were effectively surrounded, but added he would take no decision on withdrawing them from the camps until he could assess the situation for himself. He expected to fly to Salisbury on Sunday from Maputo, Mozambique.

Thousands of ZANLA guerrillas have been assembling at camps under the terms of the London ceasefire agreement, along with the forces of Mr. Joshua Nkomo's ZIPRA (Zimbabwe Peoples Revolutionary Army).

Mr. Mugabe denied that many of his men were still hiding in the bush. He said 90 per cent of them were already in the camps.

Bishop Muzorewa has accused both armies of the Patriotic Front alliance of violating the ceasefire and launching campaigns on a greater scale than during the seven-year war. He has repeatedly expressed his concern about the activities of guerrillas who have not joined their more than 21,000 comrades in the assembly points.

Japanese police seize evidence espionage probe

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (R)—Japanese police have seized more than 100 items including notebooks and photographs, from the desks of two serving army officers alleged to have passed secrets to the Soviet Union, informed sources said today.

They said the evidence was discovered during a search yesterday of the headquarters of Japan's Defence Agency after the arrest of Lieutenant Eiichi Kashii, 45, and Warrant Officer Tsunetoshi Oshima, 49.

The two officers and a retired major-general, Mr. Yukihisa Miyazawa, were arrested on Friday night on suspicion of spying for Moscow. Code books, radio transmitters and transmission logs were found in Mr. Miyazawa's home, police said.

The three officers, all intelligence experts, were expected to be sent today to the Tokyo public prosecutor's office which will decide whether to lay formal charges, possibly under secrecy laws linked with the Japan-U.S. security treaty.

Police have said that the secrets passed to Moscow included data on China's military situation. The officers may also have relayed information on U.S. arms and troop deployments in South Korea and details of how Japan monitors Soviet military movements, sources said.

Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira appeared calm when he returned yesterday from a visit to New Zealand to face a storm over Japan's post-World War Two spy

He said at a meeting with Defence Minister Kubota that the alleged first against military in 1945, were grave.

Mr. Kubota apologised to reporters for the incident, but said the possible resignation was cussed.

Informed sources said Miyazawa, 58, a prison Russian in Siberia after War Two, was believed spying more than ago.

Colonel Yuri Kozlov, attaché at the Soviet embassy in Tokyo, has been named as an agent involved in the case. He left for Moscow shortly after the officers were arrested.

Informed sources alleged spy ring was under the United States. Mr. Levchenko, a Soviet who had worked in Japan granted political asylum U.S. last October. His resignation led to last Friday in Tokyo, the sources

World New Briefs

BOGOTA, Jan. 21 (R)—One hundred and thirty-five killed when temporary wooden stands put up for a football match collapsed yesterday in the northern Colombian town of Bogota. Public Health Minister Alfonso Jaramillo Salazar said today that the death toll at 162. Mr. Jaramillo told more than 800 injured were being treated in hospitals. Police night about 500 people were injured in the accident during the annual yearly fiesta in the Caribbean coast town, 30 kilometres north of Bogota. Mr. Jaramillo said he would Sincelajo today with military doctors and medicines for the accident occurred during the traditional Corralejos festival, young bulls are fought both by amateur and professional bullfighters. Witnesses said the stands apparently collapsed under the spectators. Officials said the pillars of the stands might be affected by heavy rain which fell minutes before the bullfight.

LONDON, Jan. 21 (R)—Britain has offered £1,250,000 to compensate the people who once inhabited its strategically important Indian Ocean base of Diego Garcia, officials said today. Diego is being increasingly used as a naval base by the United States. Following the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, the United States has held talks with Britain on its military facilities on the island. British officials today offer of fresh compensation was made to the 1,200 islanders on condition that they did not return to their old home Chagos Islands, of which Diego Garcia is the main island, awaiting their final reply, the officials said. The island removed from their homes and settled in Mauritius about 1968. Britain has denied allegations that the islanders — themselves the Ilois community — were forcibly removed way for a U.S. naval base and had to live in squalor in Mauritius. Officials today said the latest offer was in addition £650,000 paid to the Mauritius Government to finance a resettlement scheme for the islanders. The Ilois community be action in 1975 in British courts for wrongful removal territory. In March 1979, Britain made a without-prejudice £1,250,000 for an out-of-court settlement, officials said.

Silver holdings alone make Texas tycoon multi-billionaire

By Ralph Dannheisser

WASHINGTON—For Mr. Nelson Bunker Hunt, life is proving to have a real silver lining.

He is the Texas tycoon who, according to estimates by some market sources, now controls or owns about 100 million ounces of silver worth more than \$4 billion.

The recent spiral in silver prices, similar to the gold price boom, means that in a single day the value of Mr. Hunt's holdings, if the estimates are correct, could have zoomed by more than \$300 million.

His silver activities have caught the attention of the United States Commodities Futures Trading Commission, the federal agency which acts as a watchdog on dealings involving the buying and selling of contracts for the future delivery of commodities.

The commission has brought about a change in the rules of two U.S. commodities exchanges, which have set limits to the number of silver contracts (promises to buy) any one individual may own.

Mr. Hunt, 53, has always been accustomed to wealth. He is one of ten children of the late oil tycoon H.L. Hunt, who amassed a fortune of more than \$1 billion.

From his father he inherited a right-wing political philosophy, money and a sharp business acumen.

He owns vast tracts of land in Texas, citrus groves in California, cotton plantations in Mississippi and farms and ranches in Kentucky, Montana and Australia.

Along with other members of the Hunt family, he also has interests in coal, oil and drilling companies.

A keen fan of horse-racing, he owns more than 600 thoroughbreds.

Mr. Hunt shuns the spotlight as best he can but has been caught up in controversies with varying authorities.

In 1975, he and a younger brother, Herbert, were acquitted of charges that they had ordered wiretaps placed on senior employees of the family-owned Hunt Oil

Prime Minister Gandhi



Company. They admitted ordering the wiretaps, but insisted they were unaware that it was illegal.

Then, in 1977, they ran into trouble with the Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) for the first time—in a case involving soybeans, not silver.

A federal judge agreed with the CFTC that the Hunts had far exceeded the legal limit on soybean contracts they could hold, and an appeals court issued a ruling barring future violations.

Bunker Hunt first entered the silver market in 1973, after Libya nationalised his holdings in the Sarir oil field, one of the largest in Africa.

"Silver looked safer than overseas oil concession the way things were going," Mr. Hunt said recently.

By 1974, he and Herbert had bought more than \$100 million worth of silver, at a time when the price of the metal ranged between \$3 and \$6 an ounce, according to reports.

The recent price surge in silver has been phenomenal. In the space of one day this month, Bunker and Herbert Hunt made more money on every ounce of silver they now control than the price they paid for it in 1973.

As silver prices have risen, concern has mounted at both CFTC and the two major exchanges—the New York Commodity Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade—over the massive holdings of the Hunts and of unnamed foreign interests.

The Chicago Board of Trade acted first, setting limits late last year to the number of silver contracts an individual may hold. The New York Commodity Exchange set similar limits earlier this month.

But Bunker Hunt's reaction was to say that instead of realising his paper profits he might convert his contracts into actual silver bullion.

Mr. Hunt said the last thing he intended to do was to sell his holdings. "If you sell, you get into a tax problem," he added.

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Community plan cuts child malnutrition

John Balcomb reports from four villages in Kenya where the rate of child malnutrition has been cut by one-third as a result of a plan suggested and implemented by the villagers themselves. Mr. Balcomb is chief of UNICEF's Information Service in Nairobi.

On a hot February day, a village meeting slowly assembled under the shade of a large gum tree. The place was Machakos, about fifty miles southeast of Nairobi.

The participants included most of the elders of the community and the subject under discussion was the fact that over half of the children in the area were still suffering from malnutrition.

The meeting had been called by the local chief at the request of UNICEF's Revy Tuluungwa and began with the handing round of photographs showing first healthy children and then malnourished children.

The women who were present quickly recognised, in the photographs of malnourished children, familiar symptoms of kwashiorkor—a wasting disease caused by malnutrition and known locally as mumboko or "swelling". But it appeared that none of the men knew about the disease.

At this point, one of the most respected of the elders, a tall grey-haired farmer called Muinde, who stood up to speak. "As this is such an important question" he asked, "why hasn't it been brought to the attention of the elders? If wild pigs root out or crops or if any calamity threatens, a meeting of the elders has to be called. When the issue at stake is

the lives of our children, the elders should be consulted."

That question was the beginning of a steep decline in the rate of child malnutrition over the four villages of the Machakos district.

In the discussion which followed, one issue was raised again and again. In most households, it was the men and the husbands who had the final say on what the children had to eat. Yet the nutritional education meetings, which had been going on in Machakos for years, were always held in the maternal and child health (MCH) clinics.

"That excludes us automatically," said one of the men. "We don't get pregnant and we don't breast-feed so why should we go to the MCH clinics?"

Muinde then proposed action. "Let's move nutritional education out of the MCH clinics and let's all of us get involved," he argued.

Drawing attention to the number of intelligent secondary school leavers in the community, he suggested that one young man and one young woman from each village should be trained as nutrition educators. "Then let them give nutrition talks and demonstrations at some spot at each village where both men and women can attend."

Revy Tuluungwa, with the

help of medical staff from the University of Nairobi, offered to back Muinde's proposal by trying it out in the four villages of Machakos.

Says Revy now, "The results were so good that they surprised us. We took a young man and a woman's group leader from each village and trained them to give simple demonstrations based on locally available food brought to the demonstrations by the people themselves. We didn't bother much with theories of different kinds of food and proteins and amino-acids and things. The message was to 'Add an egg to the young child's maize porridge — if you don't have an egg, add some mashed beans.' The mixtures would then be passed round for people to taste and comment on."

"We monitored the programme carefully in the four villages for eighteen months. And at the end of that time we did a survey and discovered that the rate of young child malnutrition in these four villages had dropped from 55 per cent to 39 per cent. In other parts of the district the rate had risen."

In Kenya, only just over one third of the girls and just over one half of the boys are of normal height and weight for their ages. And, according to UNICEF's latest report on "The Situation of Children in the Developing World", an estimated ten million young children are in the grip of severe protein-energy malnutrition and a further 200 million are inadequately fed.

In the Machakos district, a dramatic improvement in nutritional levels has been achieved in a short space of time without mas-

sive outside aid and without cohorts of experts or lorry-loads of expensive technology. And the key which unlocked that door was full community consultation.

It is because of examples like Machakos that UNICEF has

adopted, as a guideline work in the 1980s, the "those who wish to do development process start doing things with them."

UNICEF feat

Children and Food

"Half of the 15 million under-fives who die each year in the developing world are killed by malnutrition or by diseases which malnutrition makes worse". (UNICEF)

WHAT CAUSES HUNGER?

LACK OF EDUCATION: WHO estimates that 50% of Africa's population is illiterate. This means that people have no knowledge of how to grow food or how to use it.

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